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Dear Mr. Koster:

Thank you for sharing your October 15 letter to EPA Administrator McCarthy that asked about the GCPT testing schedule at the West Lake/Bridgeton site. I appreciate your understanding of the novel situation the federal government shutdown posed to this agency in overseeing that testing to be conducted on behalf of the potentially responsible parties.

I let your office know that the EPA has agreed with the PRPs on a new schedule that will have contractors mobilizing on Monday, October 28, 2013, and working steadily to complete the GCPT. On Tuesday, October 22, I briefed staff for interested elected officials about the new schedule. As I let the elected officials know during the briefing, conditions at the West Lake site remain, as they have since summer, stable and protective of human health. I will also regularly emphasize that point to interested community members and the media.

This agency will be working to complete the GCPT work as soon as possible, understanding the importance of moving to construction phases at the earliest feasible date. EPA Region 7 will continue to keep both your office and MDNR apprised of our oversight work as well as the contractor's progress. Should those conditions change, I am confident that both the EPA and the State's agencies will move promptly to take the actions needed to address the situation.

Our strong working relationship with the Attorney General's office remains a real strategic asset in carrying out the EPA's responsibilities to safeguard public health and the environment at West Lake. Please feel free to contact me any time at (913) 551-7006, or Regional Counsel David Cozad at (913) 551-7587, if you would like to discuss any aspect of complementary federal and state efforts at West Lake/Bridgeton.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

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